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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO BANGKOK, BELGRADE, BONN,
ISLAMABAD, LONDON, NEW DELHI, PARIS, RIO DE JANEIRO, ROME,
SEOUL, TAIPEI, TOKYO, HONG KONG, GENEVA, OCT 16, FROM EC
BRUSSELS RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE EC BRUSSELS 8050

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SUBJ: EC TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7666

1. SUMMARY: THE EC COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSION
TO BEGIN TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND INDIA.
THE COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY IN THESE
NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER NEARLY A SIX MONTH DELAY, THE EC COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 15
FINALLY GRANTED THE COMMISSION THE
AUTHORITY TO OPEN BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

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OUR SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL LIKELY

SET UP NEGOTIATION SESSIONS IN BRUSSELS EARLY NEXT MONTH.
THE COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO MOVE PROMPTLY
IN THE HOPE THAT AGREEMENTS COULD
ENTER INTO FORCE WITH INDIA AND PAKISTAN AS
EARLY AS JANUARY 1975.

3. THE EC MEMBER STATES ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING
POSSIBLE TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONG KONG. THE
COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO REQUEST AUTHORITY TO BEGIN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONG KONG WITHIN ABOUT A MONTH.
AT THE SAME TIME OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE
COMMISSION WILL REPORTEDLY ALSO SEEK AUTHORITY TO
NEGOTIATE WITH OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS
THAILAND, KOREA, AND JAPAN. THE COMMISSIN DOES
NOT PLAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ROC BUT WILL ADVISE
IT UNILATERALLY OF THE EC'S INTENTIONS REGARDING
TEXTILE IMPORTS.

4. THE EC PLANS TO PROGRESS ON A CASE BY CASE
BASIS IN ITS BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. AS A
RESULT, IT HAS NOT BEGUN TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION
TOWARD OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA AND BRAZIL.
NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMUNITY IS AWARE OF THE MULTI-
FIBER AGREEMENT'S APRIL 1 DEADLINE TO COMPLETE BI-
LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. OUR SOURCES INDICATE THAT
THE EC INTENDS TO MAKE ITS BEST EFFORT TO MEET THIS
DEADLINE. GREENWALD UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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